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13. JGO) Talked to Mike Van Dusen, Near East and South Asia Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who told me Chairman Hamilton would like to schedule a followon briefing for the Subcommittee in early April on political activities in the Persian Gulf and the subcontinent, and military activities for the entire Near East and South Asia area. He told me that to avoid problems with the more talkative members of the Subcommittee he will work out with me a series of 15 or so questions that our briefers can address. The Chairman will agree to restrict questions by the members until the briefer has concluded.

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14. - JGO) Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and at his request briefed him on the current status of the concerning an action against the Government for the release of information on the CIA budget. He told me there has been no determination by the Chairman concerning the Special Group and may not be for some time.

I advised Preston the Defense Communications Agency will be appearing before the National Park and Planning Commission on 28 February to discuss the proposed construction involved in a sensitive project on which he has been briefed.

I also briefed Preston on Soviet SS-11 and SS-X-18 testing.

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